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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket Number. (Optional)  
223002010004In re Application of  
**Michael HOUGHTON et al.**Application Number  
**09/884,455**Filed  
**June 18, 2001**For  
**HEPATITIS C VIRUS PROTEASE**

Group Art Unit

**1652**

Examiner

**To Be Assigned**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

- One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$ 1,960.00

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 03-1952. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission in duplicate.

- I am the  applicant/inventor  
 assignee of record of the entire interest . See 37 CFR 3.71.  
 Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).  
 attorney or agent of record.  
 attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).  
 Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) 46,631.

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February 11, 2002

Date

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Signature

Cara M. Coburn, Reg. No. 46,631 for  
Gladys H. Monroy, Reg. No. 32,430

Typed or printed name

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

 Total of 1 form is submitted.